



# NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP

## 2019 Final Budget

*December 3, 2018*



# Pre-Budget Activity

- Staff began work on the Budget with the explicit instructions from the Board of Supervisors to balance the budget with No Tax Increase.
- Prior to preparation of the Budget, Staff continuously reviewed financial status.
- Careful and considered spending policies continue to be used for all purchasing throughout the year, regardless of Budget Season.
- Annual review of all ongoing routine expenses, contracts, utility charges, etc. ensures cost savings for the best materials and services.

# The Budget Calendar

- September –
  - Departmental Submission of Budget Requests
  - Review of Recurring Expenses
- October –
  - Departmental Budget Review
  - Workshop Meetings
- November –
  - Presentation of Preliminary Budget (November 5)
  - Advertisement of Budget (November 6)
- December –
  - Consideration of Final Budget (December 3)
  - Consideration of Tax Levy Resolution
  - Consideration of Recruitment/Retention Resolution

# The Budget Document

- Budget Message to Board of Supervisors
- Narrative Overview of Budget
- Fund Overview
- Line Item Budget
- Supporting Documentation

# 2019 Final Budget



\$11,112,740  
New Revenues

\$12,253,244  
Expenditures

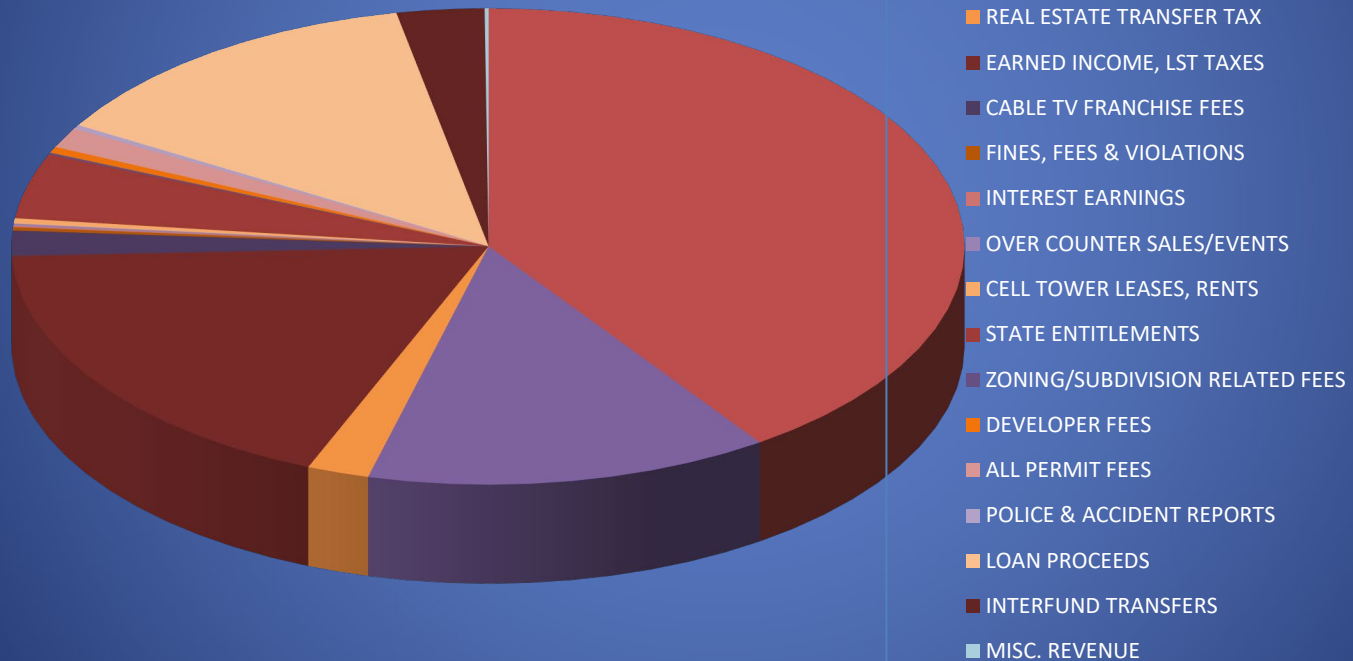
For All Funds

# Key Revenue Sources



- Earned Income Tax
  - EIT collections continue to increase gradually, based on normal inflation.
- Real Estate Transfer Tax
  - Slight increase for 2019, shows slow recovery.
- Permit Fees
  - Due to recent development.
- State Revenues
  - Decreases in funding and cancellation of many grant funding programs entirely, with no likelihood of returning.

# Revenue Sources





# Cost Containment

- Changes in health care plan in 2010 for new hires continue to save annually
- Through Police Contract Arbitration, the Township reduced medical costs further by instituting a high-deductible insurance plan for all personnel





# Cost Containment

- The Board has locked in with MUA for discounted electricity rates through 2019
- Street light utility charges have been added to the MUA accounts, reducing those electric rates
- Upgrading interior and exterior lighting at 207 Park Avenue has been completed and has reduced utility and maintenance charges, and will pay for itself by the end of 2019



# Cost Containment

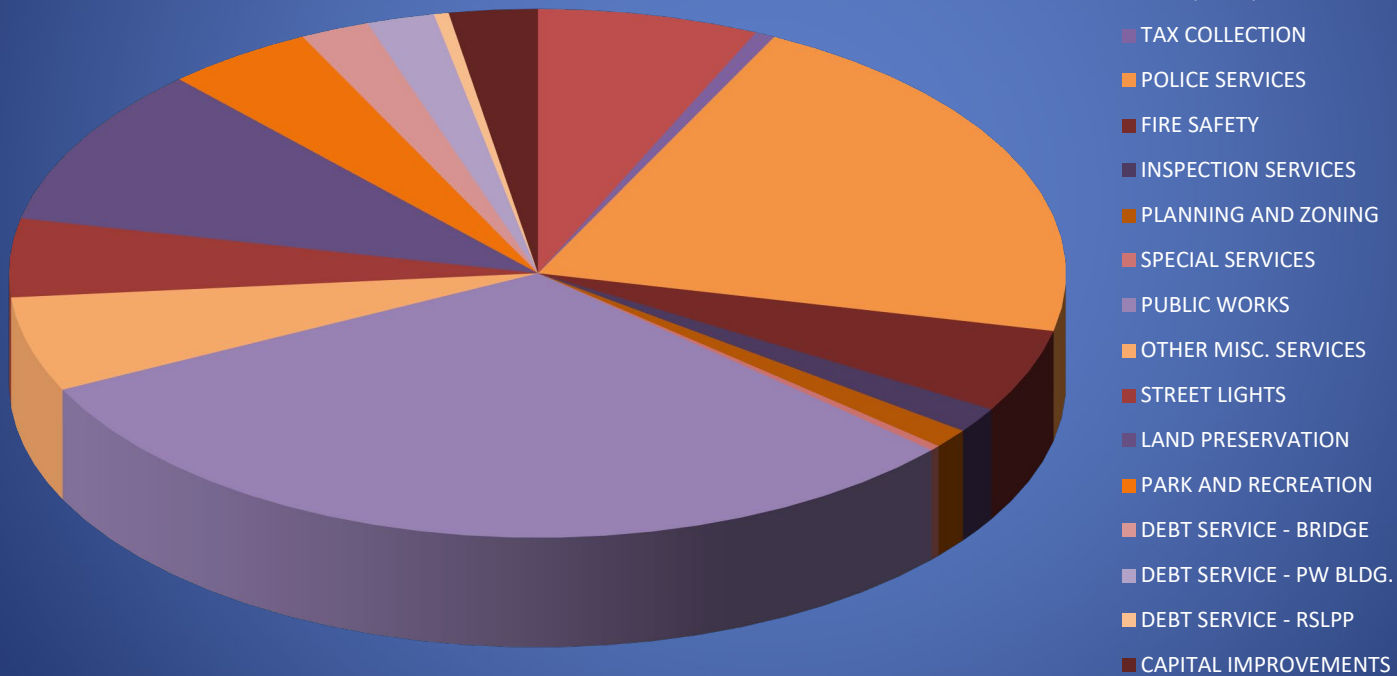
- Both Township-owned and District Street Lights are in the process of being upgraded to high-efficiency LED heads.
- Most streetlights have been replaced, and the Township is in the process of creating a punch list for the contractor.

# Increase in Expenses



- Contractual Obligations
  - 3.50% Payroll increase for Police and Non-Uniform Staff
- Other Increasing Costs
  - Road paving materials
  - Fuels and Oils
  - Increases in number of federal and state unfunded mandates
  - Stormwater Management costs continue to skyrocket

# Expenditures





# Capital Expenditures Highlights

- One new Police Sedan and 1 new Police SUV
- One 6-Wheel Heavy Dump Truck with Plow and Salt Spreader
- One 1-Ton Pick Up Truck with Plow, Salt Spreader and Lift gate



# Capital Expenditures Highlights

- Fuel Dispensing Systems for PD and PW
- Exterior Fencing around Police parking area
- Additional paving on Township roadways
- Miscellaneous building maintenance projects that have been put off for years
- \$200,000 new Traffic Signal System at New Britain Boulevard and County Line Road



# Capital Expenditures Highlights

- Computer upgrades and replacements for most Departments
- Eight new AED Units for all Police vehicles and most Departments
- Four In-car Cameras for Police vehicles
- \$5,000 toward a Pilot Program to expand the Doylestown DART bus along Business Route 202 up to County Line Road



# Capital Expenditures Highlights

- The Township borrowed \$3,000,000 in 2018 for reconstruction of the New Galena Bridge (to be completed in 2018)
- Four culverts throughout the Township will be replaced in 2019 under the same funding
- Building improvements may also occur in 2019 with any remaining funds from the loan



# Park and Recreation

- New Britain Township continues to improve its Park System through capital improvements and working with developers to enhance facilities
- Presently, New Britain Township owns and maintains over 214 acres of active and passive recreational parkland
- The Township is also working on bringing forward premier facilities on Schoolhouse Road across from West Branch Park



# Capital Expenditures Highlights

- Phase One development of Veterans Park is mostly completed, with additional purchases in 2019 (monument, benches, picnic tables, landscaping)
- Neshaminy Greenway Trail development and construction will proceed from 2019 through 2019



# Capital Expenditures Highlights

- The design of Cotton Park will begin in 2019
- North Branch Park will receive a new Play Structure, benches, and refurbished backstops on all fields
- Maintenance and upkeep of the entire Park System is also budgeted



# Debt Service

- Public Works Building debt service of \$229,600. Loan matures in 2025
- \$3,000,000 Bridge Project debt service of \$67,500. Township will continue to draw down on the loan through 2019. Loan matures in 2031
- \$155,154 Regional Street Light Procurement Program loan debt service of \$25,959 over 7 years, maturing in 2024



# Debt Service

- Total Debt Service for FY 2019 is \$323,066
- The Township may consider consolidation or refinancing of all debt at the time of maturity of the PW Building debt in eight years



# Interfund Transfers

- \$32,000 will be transferred from Park and Recreation Capital Fund for Debt Service on PW Building
- \$300,000 will be transferred from Fiduciary Fund to Capital Infrastructure for a new Traffic Signal System at New Britain Boulevard and County Line Road



# Interfund Transfers

- \$100,000 will be transferred from Land Preservation Fund to Park and Recreation Fund for maintenance and development of parks and open space
- \$21,287 will be transferred from Street Light Fund to Street Light debt service for the District portion of the debt service on the LED upgrade



# Land Preservation

- To date, New Britain Township has preserved over 850 acres
- Total conserved acreage throughout the Township (publicly, privately, through development, etc.) is 2,300+ acres
- The Township has over \$3,000,000 for Open Space acquisition purposes in a dedicated fund





# Land Preservation

- There are approximately 300 acres listed in our Open Space Plan (2008 Supplement) as “Priority Land Preservation Sites”
- The Township also looks for opportunities to piece together important parcels in significant areas that may not be listed in our Open Space Plan



# Land Preservation

- Dedicated real estate millage for land preservation was discontinued in 2011 and is not part of this 2019 Budget
- Through a voter referendum in 2000, the Township instituted a 0.125% Earned Income Tax dedicated to Open Space Acquisition. For 2019, a tax rate of 0.025% OS EIT will garner approximately \$100,000



# 2019 Proposed Millage

- One Mill will generate about \$169,751
- Total Tax Mills 12.0625
- Average Assessment \$34,321
- Average Tax Bill \$414.00

# Millage Breakdown

# 2019 Proposed EIT Tax

- Tax of 1.00% of Earned Income for General Purposes (0.5% to Township; 0.5% to CBSD). This is no change to current taxes
- Tax of 0.025% dedicated for Open Space Land Acquisition for Fiscal Year 2019
- This is no change from 2018 EIT taxes

# 2019 Final Budget

**The 2019 Final Budget is available for public inspection at the Township Building, and will be available online tomorrow at [www.newbritaintownship.org](http://www.newbritaintownship.org).**